

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1, 4-5 and 7 are drawn to a controlled atmosphere furnace, classified in class 432, subclass 59.
- II. Claims 10-11 are drawn to a method for manufacturing brazed articles, classified in class 228, subclass 232.

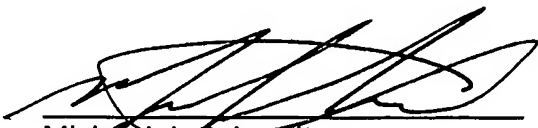
Applicant, without traverse, respectfully requests the Examiner to proceed with Invention II defined by Claims 10-11. Applicant requests that the non-elected Claims be held in abeyance for further prosecution in future divisional and/or continuation applications.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this Response is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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